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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS NOTES DIEGO GARCIA BASE EXPANSION

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1. PRAVDA FEB 7 REPORTS BRIEFLY THAT UK HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO U.S. EXPANSION OF NAVAL BASE ON DIEGO GARCIA. ITEM IS BASED ON RESPONSE TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION. IZVESTIA UNCLASSIFIED

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PREVIOUS EVENING REPORTS INDIAN "ALARM" AND QUOTES HINDUSTAN

TIMES AS SAYING BASE WILL SUPPORT POLARIS NUCLEAR SUBMARINES,
COMBAT SHIPS AND MILITARY AVIATION.

2. SOVYETSKAYA ROSSIYA FEB 6 DEVOTES BRIEF COMMENTARY TO
ALSOP ARTICLE ON DIEGO GARCIA (REF A), POSSIBLY WRITTEN BEFORE
OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF BASE PROJECT BY USG AND HMG.
COMMENTARY POOH-POOHS ALSOP'S CONCERN OVER INCREASE IN SOVIET
MILITARY STRENGTH IN INDIAN OCEAN AND HIS SUSPICION OF SOVIET
AIM OF CONTROLLING ARABIAN PENINSULA, DESCRIBING THESE
"INVENTIONS" AS PROMPTED BY PENTAGON DESIRE TO JUSTIFY DIEGO
GARCIA. ARTICLE DOES NOT ADDRESS SOVIET ATTITUDE OR ATTEMPT
TO ASSESS IMPLICATIONS, APART FROM NOTING THAT RIPARIAN STATES
ARE PROTESTING SHARPLY.

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